GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Forest Protection
Biju Shri Parayamparanbil Kuttappan

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to protect the forests by using modern technology and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether certain areas of forests have been identified for this project and if so, the details thereof, location and State-wise; and
(c) whether the Government has earmarked any funds for undertaking these works and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) Certain modern technologies such as Geographical Information System (GIS), Remote sensing, Global Positioning System (GPS), use of satellites (for forest inventory, forest fire alert system, wildlife monitoring through radio collars etc), camera trapping for study and census of wild animals, use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)/ drones, e-Eye system using thermal cameras, etc are already in use.

(b) & (c)There is no specific project in the Ministry for supporting use of modern technology. However, the Ministry is providing financial assistance to the States/UTs under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Intensification of Forest Management Scheme, Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitat, Project Tiger and Project Elephant, wherein the states are utilizing part of these funds towards use of modern technology.

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